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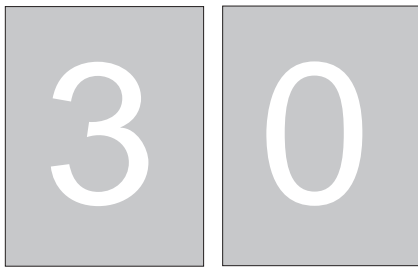
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Staff Sgt. Kimberly Smith, 39th Air Base Wing Military Personnel Flight, pays her respect to those who were prisoners of war or missing in action by laying a rose in their memory. See related photo, Page 12. (Photo by Airman Bradley Lail.)

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Air Force celebrates 57th birthday

NEWS

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Fifty-seven years ago, with the passing of the National Security Act of 1947, a separate U.S. Air Force was born and signed into law by President Harry Truman. Appropriately, the president was flying at the time he signed the law.

The swearing in of the first secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington, on Sept. 18, 1947, marks the official birthday of the Air Force becoming a distinct and separate U.S. military service. Up to that point, airpower had been provided by the Army Air Corps, which later became the Army Air Forces.

From the Berlin Airlift to today's continuing global war on terrorism, America's Airmen have served proudly; bringing courage to the fight with an unwavering commitment of service before self as they answer the call of our nation and the world.

We owe a lot to the legends of airpower whose determination and vision led to a separate Air Force. Their rich legacy lives on through innovation, cutting-edge technology and recruiting and retaining the very best people our nation has to offer.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Airmen continue the legacy of our service's forefathers by supporting combat operations in Iraq, humanitarian operations in Algeria and training missions worldwide that build security cooperation and expand our expeditionary mindset.

To all the members of our great Air Force — active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, retired and families — thank you for your dedica-

tion and commitment. It is because of you that we are considered the most respected and feared air and space force in the world!

Incirlik AF birthday block party

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♦ "D" Street, between 5th and 7th Streets, will be closed for the block party from noon to midnight



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

UCI prep

Members of the 39th Security Forces Squadron carry Airman 1st Class Holly Moses to safety after she was "wounded" during a mock real world exercise Sept. 7. The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General Unit Compliance Inspection for Incirlik is Oct. 17 to 26.



USAFE

Airman Information File

September 2004

Bring Your Courage -- What It Means

"Bring Your Courage." Hope you've seen and heard these words throughout USAFE. It's the official USAFE motto, and if there's ever been a command that brings its courage every day it's USAFE! Find courage in the dictionary and you'll see a definition describing physical, mental or moral strength to carry on in the face of danger or difficulty. You may have created your own definition of courage over the years based on real life. The definition is good to know, but taking it to the next level by putting it to use in your life is not always easy to do.

That is why we believe that courage is the most undernourished principle of leadership. In the end, you can have all the resources imaginable to complete a difficult task, but if you don't have the courage to execute, you'll fail. Leaders at all levels must have the courage to step up and pull the trigger when required, to ensure successful mission completion.

History books are filled with stories of courage. For example, everybody knows George Washington was an early hero who displayed courage throughout his life. As a young commander, Washington fought against the French and Indians during the French and Indian War. In one battle, his unit was ambushed in the forest near Fort Duquesne. Under intense fire, he jumped on a horse and quickly rallied the men to take cover and fight. During the battle he had two horses shot from under him and four bullet holes through his jacket, yet he still pressed ahead and took the fight to the enemy. During the battle, the commanding officer was mortally wounded, so young Washington took command of the troops and safely led them out of harm's way. Clearly, this is an example of physical and mental courage in the face of danger.

Courage is often displayed on the battlefield, but it's not the only place courage is found. Mental and moral courage is needed in all jobs and at all levels throughout USAFE. It's displayed in Airmen who mentally stay engaged with their duties and maintain safe practices instead of taking dangerous short-cuts. Courage is also seen when Airmen make the tough call and do the right thing, even when peers pressure them to do otherwise.

George Washington brought his courage over two hundred years ago and you, the Airmen of USAFE, continue to build on his legacy. "Bring Your Courage" is not just a catchy motto--they're words to live by!

General Doc Foglesong

CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"

USAFE School Advisory Boards lead to policy changes command-wide

Incirlik school advisory board integrates USAFE Combat and Special Interest Programs into school culture

By Jennifer Doran
USAFE School Liaison Office

Little victories led to giant accomplishments for USAFE School Advisory Boards during School Year 2003-2004. USAFE SAB members and meeting attendees achieved unprecedented success at the local level. Two issues commanded enough attention to result in high level policy changes.

In the Kaiserslautern military community, a parent questioned the fairness of the Department of Defense Education Activity policy for accepting weighted grades on student transcripts from high schools in other school systems. The policy in question had a negative consequence on transfer students' GPA and class ranking. The issue was elevated through the school and military advisory council chains and resulted in a DoDEA policy change for the transfer of weighted grades.

In the past, Lakenheath schools' attendance policy only required notification of parents after two days of continuous absence. Effectively,

a child could be absent and the parent might not know until the end of the day. Last Spring, the Lakenheath SAB championed the issue and local commanders implemented a new policy. Now parents notify their child's school of planned absences, and, in turn, the school notifies parents the morning of an unreported absence. The policy is in the process of being implemented USAFE-wide, and is under consideration at the European-command level.

The Aviano SAB partnered with AAFES to provide a healthier school lunch menu after parents raised concerns. The Eifel SAB provided input for a school consolidation proposal under consideration at Spangdahlem. The Incirlik SAB secured funds to refurbish the school's track to integrate USAFE Combat and Special Interest Programs into the school culture. The Aviano SAB secured a safe site for parents to drop off their children away from the bus path, allowing children to move directly to the sidewalk without hindering bus flow.

As evidenced in the first issue discussed above, one person can engage a community to change dependent education policies. SABs are a vital part of the educational process to ensure our youth realize their potential as tomorrow's leaders. For more information on becoming part of the USAFE SAB team, please contact your installation School Liaison Office.

Article 15

♦ An Airman from the 39th Security Forces Squadron was convicted of multiple charges, including absence without leave and diverse uses of marijuana. The charged incidents began as early as November 2003 and continued until June. After having reached a verdict of guilty on all charges, the military judge sentenced the Airman to six months of confinement, a reduction to the grade of E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.



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BRIEF

Power outage

There will be a base-wide power outage Sunday from 7 a.m. to noon to perform annual maintenance to the base's electrical distribution system. For more information, call Jim Manesis, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron construction management supervisor, at 6-6570 or 6-8020.

MDS exercise operation hours

Due to the base-wide exercise, the 39th Medical Squadron offers only urgent and emergency care through the immediate care clinic Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Patients must go through the ICC to be seen. Patients must also plan ahead to pick up prescription refills by 5 p.m. Monday. The upper floor of the hospital will not be accessible during the exercise.

Service station

The military service station is closed Sept. 30 from 9 p.m. to midnight for end-of-year close out procedures. For more information, call the fuels resource control center at 6-6469 or 6-6502.

ECAMP

The annual Incirlik Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program is Oct. 4 to Oct. 8. The purpose of the inspection is to identify areas of non-compliance and to achieve increased awareness. ECAMP provides a "snapshot in time" of the installation's level of compliance with environmental regulations. Air Force Instruction 32-7045 requires an internal compliance assessment be conducted annually. The team assess 13 environmental protocols including air emissions, cultural resources, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, water quality, solid waste, wastewater, natural resources, pesticides, petroleum, oil and lubricants, storage tanks, toxic substances and other environmental issues involving radon, PCBs and asbestos. For more information call Brian Panther, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer, at 6-3787.

SAF policy change

The stray animal facility is accepting donations but no longer holds animals. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Adena Eberhardt at 6-1164.

Master Sgt. Rich Sironen, 39th Operations Squadron Radar Approach Control chief controller, oversees air traffic control on the GPN-20 radar equipment by Senior Airman Kristen Kelley 39th OS RAPCON controller.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Incirlik benefits from sergeant's contributions

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Incirlik has, as part of its winning team, an Airman showered with a number of accolades throughout his 18-year career. Most recently, his actions warranted his he was also recognition above is peers as one of 16th Air Force's best.

Master Sgt. Rich Sironen, a father of three (Joey, 10; Sissy, 8; and Richie, 11 months), a husband (wife is Shawn), volunteer in the community and a leader at work as the 39th Operations Squadron Radar Approach Control chief controller, is a true example of a well-rounded Airman.

His actions in Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, from May to July 2003 resulted in his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal. Among the first 350 Air Force people to arrive, Sergeant Sironen was greeted with the sounds of explosions and gunfire upon arrival. He hit the ground running, and within six hours was introduced to his living quarters in a bombed out control tower with no windows, electricity, running water or air conditioning. He set to work in a mobile radar set up, which was also used to conduct air traffic.

"I overcame these challenges by training and faith in God," said Sergeant Sironen. "I live by the motto, 'Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God' (I Corinthians 10:31)."

Among his list of accomplishments while deployed, Sergeant Sironen, under constant harassment from enemy small arms fire, coled the first all weather air traffic control team which opened an operational airfield, established radar capability for the entire northern one-third of Iraq and supported more than 7,000 combat and humanitarian airlift sorties including medical evacuation flights.

Sergeant Sironen was recognized again Sept. 9 when Chief Master Sgt. Teddy Wilson, 16th Air Force command chief master sergeant, Aviano Air Base, Italy, visited Incirlik to personally present him with the 16th Air Force Senior NCO of the Year Award.

Several of his actions highlighted in this award include leading 13 controllers and two interpreters in the Air Force's only joint-airspace tower; guiding air traffic control service for more than 32,000 Operations Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Fundamental Justice and Iraqi Freedom combat and combat support movements; and resolving OIF diplomatic clearance problems by timely coordination with the U.S. Embassy, Turkish Air Force and civil aviation authorities, which enabled mission critical F-18s to return to the USS Roosevelt and keep fighting.

But perhaps the most notable of Sergeant Sironen's accomplishments is the day-to-day impact he has on the people around him as a mentor, peer, leader or subordinate, and his overall direct and indirect contributions to the 39th Air Base Wing mission.

"My leadership style is based primarily on the care of others. I spend a lot of time just listening to my people and my door is always open," said Sergeant Sironen. "By making it a habit to explain tasks and listen to inputs, it helps build positive working relationships and a more cohesive team, so during the rare occasions when time does not permit this the team has already established a trust in me and the mission gets accomplished."

Sergeant Sironen is also seen as a valuable part of the team by his leadership.

"Sergeant Sironen is a positive asset; not only is he the RAPCON (radar approach control) chief controller, but the senior ranking NCO in the squadron," said Capt. Will Boyles, 39th Operations Squadron Airfield Operations Flight commander. "He is an awesome role model for my troops and a really great communicator with problems when it comes to giving positive feed back or just a pat on the back."

"Sergeant Sironen is approachable and has a genuine concern for people," said he continued. "He is an ordained minister and, although he doesn't force religion on anyone, his availability and listening skills are apparent and help facilitate the accomplishment of the mission."

Fitness center helps keep Team Incirlik fit to fight

Sit-ups

Like push-ups, sit-ups are considered an advanced exercise, so it's advisable not only to train the muscles you need for sit-ups, but for also the support muscles.

The main muscle to strengthen for optimal sit-ups are the back and hip flexors as well as the abdominal muscles. To exercise these muscle groups, try back strengthening exercises. Do crunches to isolate the abdominal muscles without putting pressure on your back. To concentrate on the hip flexors, try knee lifts and leg raises. The fitness specialists at the fitness center can give more details on each of these exercises.

The main thing to remember is to do the sit-ups correctly. Don't pull on the head and neck while doing the exercise. Feet should be an adequate distance from the body and allow correct execution of the sit-up. Legs should not be too straight nor should they be too tucked into the body. Additionally, don't rock or lift and drop the hips while performing the exercise.

Push-ups

The main muscles to strengthen for optimal push-ups are pectorals, deltoids, triceps and the core stabilizing muscles.

To exercise these muscle groups, try bench and military presses, front and lateral raises, dips and tricep extensions, crunches and plank or hover using any combination of free weights, cables, Nautilus and Cybex equipment or resistance equipment available in the fitness center.

The fitness center specialists can give you more details on each of these exercises.

If you find that doing push-ups is difficult, start with lower level (box or modified) and increase your strength before progressing to full push-ups. Keep the neck and back in alignment. Letting the neck or spine sag can cause back problems. Remember to maintain correct alignment if you "rest" in the permitted up position.

(Information courtesy of Lorraine Botwright, RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center fitness program manager. *Pictured in photos: Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Merriweather, 39th Services Squadron fitness center NCO in charge, and Staff Sgt. Sarita Pharms, 39th SVS fitness center operations NCO in charge.*)



Proper sit-up form — note knee angle and upper-body alignment



Improper sit-up form — note the pulling on the neck muscles.



Proper push-up form — note how the back and neck are in alignment.



Improper push-up form — note how the back and neck are not in alignment.



Golf tournament — The Air Force Sergeants Association hosts a four-person select shot scramble tournament with wacky rules Sept. 25. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person and is limited to the first 18 teams. The tournament also includes closest to pin and longest drive contests. For more information, e-mail Tech. Sgt. Larry Dostart or Staff Sgt. Eric Hernandez.

Soccer volunteers — Volunteers are needed for the upcoming soccer season. Open jambo-ree begins Saturday for ages 5 to 18. Volunteer packets are accepted at the youth center. For more information, call Jerome Latimer at 6-6670.

Water aerobics — Water aerobics classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 6-6044.

Skeet and trap shooting — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

Scuba course — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.

Lapswim — Early morning lap swim is Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the base pool. For more information, call 6-3442.

Combat Hapkido — The fitness center sponsors Combat Hapkido Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 6-6086.

Trotters and Striders Club — Keep a fitness center record of the miles walked or ran and qualify to win prizes. For more information, call 6-6086.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

Promotions

♦ **Promoted to senior airman:** Lucius Alston, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Stephen Beasley**, 39th Security Forces Squadron; **Ann Berry**, 39th LRS; **Steven Bousa**, 39th SFS; **Myrtis Clemons**, 39th LRS; **Andrew Grashoff**, 425th Air Base Squadron; **Jess Guzman**, 39th SFS; **Kyle Hendrickson**, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron; **David Lowe**, 39th SFS; and **Jesus Montiel**, 39th SFS.

♦ **Promoted to airman 1st class:** Ryan Christensen, 39th SFS; **Sione Lavulo**, 39th SFS; **Megan Turner**, 39th Communications Squadron; and **Robert Williams**, 39th CS.

♦ **Promoted to airman:** Ashley Garcia, 39th Medical Squadron; and **Britani Rafferty**, 39th CS.

STEP promotion

Congratulations to Incirlik's latest STEP promotee, **Master Sgt.**

Keo Mills, 39th CS. Keep up the great work!

Extreme Summer winner

Christine Guionnaud of Incirlik was U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Extreme Summer 2004 grand prize winner in the teen category. She received an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. Along with passes to visit all four of Disney's theme parks, the trip includes round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations for four people. Congratulations!

AF birthday block party

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Force protection

Take advantage of your assignment at Incirlik and get out and get involved in Turkish history and culture while you're here, but remember to keep force protection in mind at all times. When traveling around Turkey, remember that how you dress can make you an easy target. Dress in conservative clothes, avoid large gatherings, and try to be as inconspicuous as possible.

Report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

Racial accusations

'What messages are we sending our children?'

By 1st Lt. Frank Procil

39th Medical Squadron

Night Hoops ended this past weekend, and what an excited season it was. The league ended with a weekend playoff tournament that saw one of the weakest teams at the beginning of the season capture the championship. This league that was specifically designed for children ages thirteen to eighteen, kept the Incirlik youth population occupied during the oft boredom of summer.

Although the season was a success and the leagues intended purpose was realized it was still not without controversy.

During one of the semifinal games, a very close game I might add, I overheard a parent accuse a referee of being biased towards a particular team.

This is not a new phenomenon in sports, often referees shoulder the blame for team losses whether justified or not. What was disturbing about this comment was the implication that race was the mitigating factor. I was offended by the comment but I did nothing, said nothing, but stewed and pondered

about what I should have done or said.

How are we, as Americans, expected to achieve racial harmony and move forward when we constantly throw around accusations without merit or cause.

One would believe that being on a military installation, especially in a foreign country, would bring us Americans closer and the color thing wouldn't rear its ugly head. This comment was not only unfounded, it was ignorant, and not to mention reckless.

What messages are we sending our children? What world are we creating for them? And finally, what lessons are we trying to teach?

These are the questions I would love to have asked this parent. I constantly ask myself these, and I challenge each and every parent to do the same.

Finally I would like to submit that if a benign youth basketball game can move a parent to the point of tears and racial accusations then we have mightily failed as a society. In the days of wars, and brave young Americans making the ultimate sacrifice for our beautiful country, I do declare those tears wasted.

Commander's Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice their concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

The program should only be used after you've tried resolving the issue through your chain of command.

Submit Action Lines by e-mailing action.line@incirlik.af.mil or calling the 39th Public Affairs Office at 6-6060.

Complaints will be edited to 300 words or less. Questions and responses may be printed in the *Tip of the Sword*.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Body language

Question: Mehmet, I am new here. I love traveling, and after I receive my truck I plan to go a new place every weekend. I am really good in communicating with people using hand signs and body language.

My question is; are there any signs or gestures that I should avoid? What are the most common signs in Turkish body language?

Response: The article below I got from www.mymerhaba.com gives the exact answer to your question.

Turks like to communicate with their hands and arms. Even if you do not know a word in Turkish, it is possible for you to get along with a Turk. Bow your head for "yes" and raise your head backwards for "no." In addition to your head, you may also have to

close your eyes and raise your eyebrows for "no." If you raise your shoulders and open your arms it means, 'I don't know.' In order to show that you trust him or her, you can tap his or her shoulders. Moreover, Turks like kissing each other. It is customary to kiss each other's cheeks upon greeting and leaving. Men also do this, however it is presumed that there is some level of familiarity, otherwise, a simple handshake would suffice. Kissing is done only among the same sex in public. You hardly see a man kissing a woman in public. I recommend, as a foreigner, you do not kiss anybody.

Turks also generate strange sounds as "hiiii", (without opening your mouth and really sounds as if you are moaning) or "hi hi" (again without opening your mouth).

If you unite all your fingers and swing your hand up and down, every body will understand that you loved the meal. If you close your eyes and make "mmmmm" sound, they will even think you are a Turk.

If you rub your thumb on the side of your index finger while your hand is in a fist position, it means money. If a Turk put his right hand on his chest and slightly bows his head, it means greetings through the heart. The same sign also means agreement with your ideas.

There are some hand signs considered im-

polite by Turks. The first one is to put your thumb between your index and middle finger while your hand is in a fist position. The other is more international. It is the middle finger standing upright again when your hand is in a fist. They both symbolize the male sex organ. Another sign is the meeting of your thumb and index finger to form a circle. While it means "okay" in most countries, in Turkey it means homosexual and is considered a big insult.

If you point to your head with your index finger, it means "are you an idiot?". Again if you put your index finger to your temple and move it like screwing it means "are you crazy?"

While you are driving, if you raise your hand and wave it about, it will indicate the car following yours, "what's the matter?" and it is sure to anger most drivers.

A note of caution: Foreigners should avoid using any offensive hand signals or any motions that could possibly be construed as being rude, insulting or aggressive. Such acts could lead to serious consequences. Avoid meaningless confrontations. It is better to just walk away from trouble.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

POW/MIA day a time to reflect, thank

By Michael Briggs

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – "However long it takes, wherever it takes us, whatever the cost."

Those words reflect the pledge of the more than 600 people who work every day to locate and identify 88,000 American servicemembers still missing from World War II through today.

They are also apt words to describe the theme of the annual observance of the National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day that took place Tuesday.

Usually held the third Friday in September, the observance takes place earlier in the week this year out of respect for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year holiday that runs from Wednesday to today, according to information from the Department of Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office that oversees the accounting of POWs and MIAs at the national level.

Of the 600 people worldwide whose mission it is to account for missing servicemembers, 10 work in the Air Force missing persons branch at the Air Force Personnel Center.

The 10 are responsible for overseeing the Air Force POW/MIA program that seeks an accounting for the more than 1,600 Airmen missing from the Korean War, Cold War and Vietnam War, said James Russell, branch chief.

"Among all the other agencies working accounting issues, our role is to serve as the liaison to the families of Air Force members,"

he said. "When we have new information relative to a case, our job is to pass that information on to the family, to discuss it with them and to help them understand what the agency is doing on their behalf."

The branch corresponds on a regular basis with about 3,000 family members of unaccounted-for Airmen, he said.

Once a month at regional meetings around the United States and twice a year at national gatherings in Washington, for Korean War and Vietnam War POWs and MIAs, the branch staff provides in-person updates to family members. The meetings provide general information about ongoing recovery operations, as well as case-specific details about each family's missing servicemember, Mr. Russell said.

POW/MIA Recognition Day helps support America's personnel accounting efforts in several ways, he said.

"First, it is a day of reverence and reflection for the people who never came home in making the ultimate sacrifice for their nation," Mr. Russell said. "It's also a time to thank the POWs and MIAs who did return."

Secondly, the observance lets those in uniform today know of their nation's resolve, he added.

"It sends a message to our current-day Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines that we are not going to forget them," Mr. Russell said. "We, as a nation, will do everything in our power to bring them home."

The missing persons program, with 14 recovery operations and field activities scheduled in 2004, provides closure for several families each year. So far this year, the remains of 12 Airmen have been identified. The past three years, 31 members were identified and returned to their families.



THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Today

IAHS PTSC nominations — Incirlik American High School Parent-Teacher-Student Club board members are being accepted through Sept. 17. Elections are scheduled for Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the high school media center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. John Herkel at 6-6439.

Upcoming

Ping pong — The table tennis/ping pong club's first meeting is 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at the community center. The club is open to Incirlik members 16 and older. For more information, call 1st Lt. Franklin Porcil at 6-6706.

College night — Incirlik High School is sponsoring college night for students and parents Sept. 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information or if interested in representing a college or institution, call Ms. DiQuinzio at 6-6330.

Dorm council — The Incirlik dorm council meets noon Oct. 6 in the Piper room at the club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ken Winfield at 6-8075.

TSP — The family support center sponsors a Thrift Savings Plan class 11 to 11:45 a.m. Sept. 30. For more information or sign up, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Stress management — The family support center sponsors a stress management class 3 to 4 p.m. Sept. 24. For more information or to sign up, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Ongoing

Red Cross — The American Red Cross Office needs a volunteer to assist in administering the

health and safety programs Tuesdays through Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call Erin Leonard at 6-6639.

Preschool play group — An informal play group for infants through 4-year-old children meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the youth center gym. Parents and care-givers who attend are expected to help set up and clean up and supervise children at all times. For more information, call Maribeth Viray at 6-6709 or 6-6452.

Lunch coupons — Old school lunch coupons are no longer accepted in the school cafeterias. Parents can take any old coupons to the base exchange and exchange them for the new coupons. Since the price per meal increased, parents will have to pay the difference for the new coupons. For more information, call Vernon Reddick 6-3750.

AFSA — The Air Force Sergeants Association meets every third Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the club. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Adena Eberhardt at 6-1164.

Thrift shop — The thrift shop in Building 999 is open again from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturdays of every month. The shop also needs volunteers. For more information, call the thrift shop at 6-6247 or Kathy Collins at 6-2152.

Back to school kit — The base library is offering free back to school packages for grades kindergarten through 12. In addition, the library has hundreds of new children's books, and entertainment and education DVDs available for checking out. For more information, call 6-6759.

Youth Employment Skills — The youth employment skills, or Yes, is an on-base youth volunteer program funded by the Air

Force Aid Society. The program gives high school aged dependents an opportunity to learn valuable work skills. Participating students earn credits at a rate of \$4 per hour which go toward a post-secondary education. Participants can earn up to 250 hours, totaling \$1,000 over four years of combined high school. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670.

Club membership drive — Sign up for an Incirlik Club membership through Nov. 30. Both existing and new club members can win prizes during the drive. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

Guitar classes — Guitar classes are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Dee Mills at 6-6966.

COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS



Thursday

PYOC — The Protestant Youth of the Chapel seventh to 12th graders bible study is Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Crossroads Cafe and 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sundays at the youth center. For more information, call Shane and Melanie Parrish at 6-5709.

Upcoming

Catholic retreat — The chapel is sponsoring a Catholic women's retreat Sept. 25 at the crossroads cafe. For more information or sign up by Sept. 22, call Ellen Herdler at 6-5267.

Ongoing

Religious channels move — The two Combat Touch religious channels have moved to channel 15 and 16. The protestant channel is on channel 15 and Eternal Word Television Network Catholic programming is on channel 16. To retune non-cable-ready TVs select "cable" instead of "air." For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

Newcomer's in-processing

— The family support center sponsors part one of the newcomer's briefing Tuesdays from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and part two is Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon at . For more information, call 6-6755.

Daily Mass on hold — Catholic Daily Mass, which is normally held at the chapel Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Room, are cancelled through Sept. 23. For more information about Daily Mass, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Religious classes — Catholic religious classes are 11 a.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Rite of Christian initiation

— The rite of Christian initiation of adults classes are 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel annex beginning Thursday. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890 or Fermin Gonzaga at 6-4660.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Leah Breakey
39th Medical Squadron
dental assistant

Time in service: Three years
Hometown: East Jordan, Mich.
Time on station: 13 Months
Hobbies: Traveling, diving, fishing, camping and hiking

Why did you join the Air Force? To get away from home and explore the world
What do you like most about Incirlik? The local people
How do you contribute to the base's mission? By keeping all base personnel dentally qualified to complete our mission
What's your favorite motto and why? What doesn't kill you will make you stronger. You learn something from every experience, good or bad.
What Air Force core value best describes you and why? Integrity first. It's important to do what is right in every situation, without taking any shortcuts.
Supervisor's quote: "Senior Airman Breakey's duty performance can be summarized in one word superb," said Master Sgt. Jeffery McWaine, 39th Dental Flight superintendent. "Leah is a quality performer who takes her job seriously and will leave no stone unturned when it comes to accomplishing the mission. Definitely deserving of her promotion to senior airman below-the-zone earlier this year."



CLASSIFIEDS

Yard sale: PCS sale Saturday at 3089D Konya Ct. from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bikes, yard furniture, baby items, grill, clothes, kitchen items and many miscellaneous items.

Yard sale: PCS sale Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at 2787C Istanbul, Phantom Housing. Furniture, computer desks, entertainment center, clothes, BBQ grills, 220V appliances, microwave, transformers, fans, adapters, extension cords, lots of music.

For adoption: Rugby has been at the shelter for almost a month. She is approximately seven months old and weighs 35 pounds. She has lots of puppy energy. She already has some basic sit, stay training under her belt. For more information, call the stray animal facility at

6-1581 and leave a message.

For sale: 230 to 110 volt transformers - two 300 watt, \$25 each; 75 watt, \$15. Small 230-volt, 5-bulb crystal chandelier light fixture, \$25. For more information, call Daryl or Toni at 6-2383.

For sale: 1991 Toyota Cynos, two doors, Japanese specs, clean, runs great, \$1,300 OBO. For more information, call Donnie at 6-9179 or 6-2015.

For sale: Two girls' bikes make offer; bunk beds in excellent condition \$100 OBO. For more information, call 6-5407.

Free to a good home: 4-month-old male kitten. Has all shots, AVID current chip and is neutered. For more information, call 6-5314.

For sale: Diamond engagement and wedding set from Fred Meyer jewelers, 14 kt., gold, 1 kt. tw., never worn, \$1,500 OBO. For more information, call Amber at 6-2933 or 0535-300-2903.

YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Now that the seasons are changing, what are some sites in Turkey you would recommend?

"I would have to say Cappadocia because of the scenery and the history. It's a beautiful area to just see and learn more about Turkey."

— **Lea Sutfin**, 39th Services Squadron



"I think Istanbul. The weather is perfect now, it's not too hot and not too cold, especially when traveling with children; they won't get so grumpy. As the seat of civilization, it's a great place to see."

— **Carrie Basaca**, 39th Services Squadron



"Troy, for the history and the actual sites that are there."

— **Master Sgt. James Shoemaker**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron



"Cappadocia. It's like a small version of the Grand Canyon. Check out the cave hotels, different shopping, topography; and as it gets cooler it's cozy. And it's close."

— **Reuben Brenner**, Lockheed Martin



"The beach. Mersin and Cappadocia are awesome."

— **Staff Sgt. Miles McClure**, 39th Operations Squadron



Project Wizard, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe special interest program, focuses on the opportunities to study and explore through libraries. For more information about the program or upcoming events, call the library at 6-6759.



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

Not forgotten

Members of the 39th Air Base Wing Honor Guard fold the American Flag during the Prisoners of War/ Missing In Action retreat ceremony Tuesday. The ceremony was held to honor the Airman, Sailors, Marines and Soldiers who were prisoners of war or missing in action during every American war since World War I.

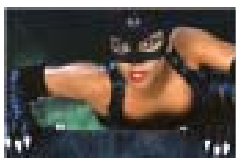


AT THE MOVIES

At the Oasis

Today

Catwoman (PG-13) – Starring Halle Berry and Sharon Stone. Patience Philips inadvertently becomes a human guinea pig for the revolutionary anti-aging product Hedare. Equipped with a new feline prowess, Patience is a different person come nighttime, more accurately, a Catwoman. Elusive, untamed, powerful, stealthy and not necessarily prone to erring on the side of good, Patience has gone from doormat to vigilante. Showing at 7 p.m. (104 minutes)



King Arthur (PG-13) – Starring Clive Owen and Ioan Gruffudd. Arthur and his

knights have only one mission to fulfill before being granted their freedom. As the Saxons attack Britain, they must head north to rescue the last Roman officials left in a village. Once there, the Knights of the Round Table team set free Guinevere, a fierce fighter imprisoned by the Romans, so they can face the Saxons in battle. Showing at 9 p.m. (126 minutes)



Saturday

Catwoman (PG-13) – Starring Halle Berry and Sharon Stone. Showing at 5 p.m. (104 minutes)

King Arthur (PG-13) – Starring Clive Owen and Ioan Gruffudd. Showing at 7 p.m. (126 minutes)

Sunday

Catwoman (PG-13) – Starring Halle Berry and Sharon Stone. Showing at 7 p.m. (104 minutes)

Thursday

Spider-man 2 (PG-13) – Starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Peter is desper-

ately trying to balance his dual identities as a web-slinging superhero and life as a college student. Peter's life is about to become even more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe, Dr. Octavius. Showing at 7 p.m. (128 minutes)



At the M1

Catwoman (PG-13) — 1:15 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9 p.m. (104 minutes)

Terminal (PG-13) — 11 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (128 minutes)

Hellboy (PG-13) — 11 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. (122 minutes)

Girl Next Door (R) — 12 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (110 minutes)

Man on Fire (R) — 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., and 11:45 p.m. (104 minutes)

Starsky and Hutch (PG-13) — 11:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (101 minutes)

Anacondas (PG-13) — 11:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (97 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.